

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the text of paragraph [0038] on page 11 as follows:

Unless otherwise defined, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which this invention belongs. Although methods and materials similar or equivalent to those described herein can be used in the practice or testing of the invention, suitable methods and materials are described below. All publications, patent applications, patents, and other references mentioned herein are incorporated by reference in their entirety. U.S. Application Serial No. 60/456,920, filed on March 21, 2003, and PCT patent application serial no. ~~XXXXXX~~ PCT/US2004/008833, filed on March 22, 2004 ~~in the U.S. Receiving Office, attorney docket number 16158-013WO1, titled METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATING IMMUNOLOGICAL DISORDERS USING AGONISTS OF INTERLEUKIN 21/INTERLEUKIN 21 RECEPTOR, and~~ US 2003-0108549 are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties. In the case of conflict, the present specification, including definitions, ~~controls~~ controls. In addition, the materials, methods, and examples are illustrative only and not intended to be limiting.

Please amend the text of paragraph [0068] on page 19 as follows:

Amino acid sequences of IL-21 polypeptides are publicly known. For example, the nucleotide sequence and amino acid sequence of a human IL-21 ~~is~~ are available at GENBANK[®] Acc. No. ~~X_011082~~ Nos. XM_011082 and XP_011082, respectively. An exemplary disclosed human IL-21 nucleotide sequence is presented below:

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1 gctgaagtga aaacgagacc aaggtctagc tctactgttg gtacttatga gatccagtcc
61 tggcaacatg gagaggattg tcatctgtct gatggtcac ttcttgggga cactgggtcca
121 caaatcaagc tcccaagggtc aagatcgcca catgattaga atgcgtcaac ttatagatat
181 tgttgatcag ctgaaaaatt atgtgaatga cttgggtccct gaatttctgc cagctccaga
241 agatgtagag acaaaactgtg agtgggtcagc tttttcctgc tttcagaagg cccaactaaa
301 gtcagcaa at acaggaaaca atgaaaggat aatcaatgta tcaattaaaa agctgaagag
361 gaaaccacct tccacaaatg cagggagaag acagaaacac agactaacat gcccttcatg
421 tgattcttat gagaaaaaac cacccaaaga attcctagaa agattcaaat cacttctcca
481 aaagatgatt catcagcatc tgtcctctag aacacacgga agtgaagatt cctgaggatc
541 taacttgcag ttggacacta tgttacatac tctaataatag tagtgaaagt catttctttg
601 tattccaagt ggaggag (SEQ ID NO:1)
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